

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Claims 1-11 are pending. Claims 1, 2, 10 and 11 having been amended and Claim 12 having been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer, by way of the present amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 11 and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101; Claims 2, 10 and 12 were rejected 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph; and Claims 1-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Claims 1-10 were indicated as containing allowable subject matter.

Applicants appreciatively acknowledge the indication of allowable subject matter.

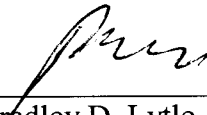
In reply, Claim 12 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claim 11 has been amended to avoid being directed to a “program”, but is clearly directed to a computer readable recording medium that has computer readable instructions that are executed by a processor so as to perform certain process steps. As such, Claim 11, as amended, is clearly statutory as it is directed to an “article of manufacture”.

Claims 1, 2 and 10-11 have been amended, consistent with 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. No new matter is added.

Consequently, in view of the present amendment and in light of the indication of allowable subject matter, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 1-11, as amended, is statutory, definite and otherwise allowable. Therefore, Applicants earnestly solicit a Notice of Allowability.

Respectfully submitted,

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